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I. DetailsCommodity Prices in NK

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1.

P'yongyang 1st National Department Store located at YD 38462183 in Chongno-dong, Chung-guyok, P'yongyang-si. The department store was also known as the first national department store. The prices of commodities on sale at the department were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price (Wpn)</u>
<u>Textile</u>	
Cloth, cotton, NK made, 1 m x 80 cm	320
Cloth, cotton, Soviet made, 1 m x 85 cm	400
Cloth, cotton, Chinese made, 1 m x 85 cm	400
Cloth, cotton, printed, Chinese made, 1 m x 70 cm	280
Cloth, poplin, striped, Soviet made, 1 m x 70 cm	500 - 600
Cloth, twilled, Soviet made, 1 m x 85 cm	600
Cloth, twilled, NK made, 1 m x 80 cm	220
Cloth, cotton, bleached, Soviet made, 1 m x 80 cm	450
Cloth, cotton, Kresong product, 1 m x 70 cm	200
Cloth, cotton, colored, NK, (Chamisa), 1 m x 70 cm	400; 380; 450
Cloth, silk, NK (Yuttong), 1 m x 70 cm	1,200
Cloth, silk, NK, (Yangdan), 1 m x 70 cm	1,220
Serge, NK, 1 m x 60 cm	4,500
Homespun, Soviet made, 1 m x 80 cm	1,800
Serge, mixed with rayon, NK, 1 m x 60 cm	2,500
Cloth, silk, NK, (Kwansan), 1 m x 70 cm	4,500
"Oppam", type of cloth, Soviet made, 1 m x 70 cm	1,800
Crape, rayon, Soviet, 1 m x 70 cm	900
Cloth, silk, NK, 1 m x 40 cm	150
Cloth, silk, Chinese made, (Poptan), 1 m x 70 cm	2,100

Knitted Articles

Shirt, underwear, winter, NK, each	900
Trousers, underwear, winter, NK, pair	600
Shirt, underwear, spring, NK, each	600
Trousers, underwear, spring, NK, pair	400
T-shirt, NK, each	200 - 250
Socks, Chinese, pair	300 - 320
Socks, NK, pair	80 - 120

Toilet Articles

Soap, toilet, NK, bar	80 - 100
Soap, toilet, Chinese, bar	200 - 300
Cream, face, NK, bottle	200 - 250

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Powder, face, NK, case	250 - 300
Perfume, NK, bottle	200 - 300
Perfume, Soviet, bottle	600 - 1,500
Comb, NK, each	50 - 100
Case, soap, NK, each	200
Mirror, pocket, round, NK, each	50 - 70
Bag, toilet, NK, each	150
Pomade, NK, bottle	250
Brush, tooth, celluloid, NK, each	100
Paste, tooth, NK, tube	80
Brush, tooth, Celluloid, Chinese, each	150 - 200
Paste, tooth, Chinese, tube	200 - 250
Powder, tooth, NK, bag	30
Soap, laundry, NK, bar	120
Razor, safety, Chinese, set	900
Blade, razor, Chinese, each	50
Razor, NK, each	600
Razor, Soviet, each	1,500
Handkerchief, NK, each	50 - 100
Towel, NK, each	100 - 250
Towel, Chinese, each	300 - 400
Sheet, cotton, Chinese, 2 m x 1.5 m	3,500 - 4,500

Leather & Rubber Articles

Shoes, rubber, black, male & female, NK, pair	280 - 320
Shoes, rubber, black, child, NK, pair	120 - 200
Shoes, rubber, white, male & female, NK, pair	360 - 600
Shoes, rubber, colored, child, NK, pair	160 - 250
Shoes, leather, ready made, male & female, Soviet, pair	600 - 1,500
Shoes, leather, ready made, black, NK, pair	1,300 - 2,000
Shoes, enamel, order made, NK, pair	3,500
Shoes, box, order made, NK, pair	2,500
Briefcase, leather, zippered, NK, each	900
Belt, leather, NK, each	120 - 200
Horn, shoe, aluminium or celluloid, NK, each	50
Sneakers, rubber sole, NK, pair	230 - 380
Sneakers, rubber sole, NK, (basket-ball), pair	450 - 550
Sneakers, rubber sole, child, NK, pair	120 - 250

Stationery

Pencil, Kanggye Pencil Factory products, NK, each	3 - 10
Pencil, Chinese, each	15 - 50
Eraser, rubber, NK, each	10 - 50
Holder, pen, wooden, lacquered, NK, each	30 - 50
Holder, pen, celluloid, Chinese, each	100
Point, pen, Chinese, each	100
Fountainpen, Chinese, each	600 - 2,500

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Fountainpen, Japanese, each	2,500 - 5,000
Note-book, primary school, NK, each	5 - 10
Note-book, large size, NK, each	15 - 150
Paper, white, NK, 2 m x 1.5 m	30
Pencil, eversharp, Chinese, each	800 - 1,500
Ink, NK, bottle	80
Ink, NK, bottle (2 Hop)	150
Crayon, NK, box	50 - 150
Watercolor, Chinese, case	1,500
Abacus, Chinese, each	1,000 - 2,000

Sports Articles

Ball, soccer, NK, each	1,500 - 2,800
Ball, basket-ball, NK, each	1,500 - 2,200
Gloves, boxing, NK, pair	1,500
Gloves, boxing, Chinese, pair	1,800 - 2,500
Net, table-tennis, Chinese, set	1,000 - 2,200
Shoes, soccer, NK, pair	1,300
Net, tennis, NK, each	2,800
Pants, cotton, NK, pair	400
Shirt, cotton, NK, each	600
Underwear, training, NK, pair	2,500
Cap, NK, each	250
Ball, table-tennis, Chinese, each	100

Cigarettes

Chungsan, pack	20
Taedongmun, pack	25
Kongsol, pack	35
Kyngang, pack	60
Moktan, pack	90
Taedonggang, pack	90

Furniture

Wardrobe, made by East P'yongyang Furniture Factory, each	3,300
Tea-cabinet, large, made by same factory, each	2,500
Tea-cabinet, medium, made by same factory, each	1,800
Tea-cabinet, small, made by same factory, each	1,500

(NOTE: Subject stated that only the above two (2) types of furniture were available to the public at the aforementioned store.)

Hats & Caps

Hat, soft, Chinese, each	1,500 - 2,500
Cap, NK, each	400 - 1,500

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Cap, Lenin, NK, each	400 - 1,500
Cap, piled, NK, each	2,500 - 6,000

Clothing

Suit, stand-up collar, foreign made, pair	25,000 - 35,000
Suit, stand-up collar, blue, serge, NK, pair	18,000
Suit, homespun, stand-up collar, Soviet, pair	9,000 - 12,000
Suit, cotton serge, stand-up collar, NK, pair	1,500 - 3,500
Blouse, cotton print, each	250 - 450
Skirt, silk (Yuttong), each	3,800
Blouse, cotton (Chamisa), each	600
Skirt, cotton (Chamisa), each	1,800
Onepiece, poplin, child, each	900 - 2,500
Onepiece, girl, Soviet, each	900 - 1,800
Suit, child, NK, pair	1,600 - 2,800
Pajama, Chinese, pair	3,500 - 4,000
Suit, hemp, blue, student, pair	450 - 1,800
Pantaloon, twilled cotton, pair	600 - 1,500

Provisions

Cabbage, kilogram	25
Raddish, kilogram	30
Stone-leek, kilogram	90
Garlic, "Chop" (100 pieces)	500
Red pepper, Mal	900
Bean curd, 3 pieces	100
Bean sprout, kilogram	35
Soy sauce, Toe	150
Bean paste, kilogram	120
Anchovy, boiled, kilogram	180
Clam, salted, kilogram	250
Prawn, boiled, kilogram	200
Crab, boiled, kilogram	200
Shrimp, salted, Mal	350
Flatfish, kilogram	150
Saurel, kilogram	230
Alaska pollack, score	120
Cuttlefish, dried, 10	100
Beef, occasionally sold, kilogram	250
Pork, kilogram	150
Egg, 10	120
Chicken, each	350
Duck, each	200
Oil, bean, Toe	350
Oil, sesame, Toe (Not available at above store)	3,000 (private)
Condiment (Aji-no-moto - Japanese), Chinese, 50 grams	1,500
Powder, corn starch, kilogram	120
Milk, fresh, Hop	15

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Honey, kilogram	550
Soju, chemical liquor, litre	110
Soju, litre	160
Beer, Pyongyang Brewery, bottle (4 Hop)	75
Beer, draught, jog (4 Hop)	90 (Lowered to 40 Wpn in 58)
Brandy, apple, bottle (3 Hop)	160
Brandy, ginger, bottle (3 Hop)	180
Brandy, ginseng, bottle (3 Hop)	380
Brandy, NK, bottle (3 Hop)	250; 350
Vodka, NK, bottle (3 Hop)	280
Brandy, acorn, NK, bottle (3 Hop)	180
Samnoju, type of liquor, bottle (3 Hop)	380
Soda water (cider), bottle (2 Hop)	60
Syrup, bottle (3 Hop)	160; 180
Pineapple, canned, Chinese, each	450
Beef, canned, Soviet, each	350
Beef, canned, NK, each	120; 180
Apple, canned, Sinp'o Cannery, each	120; 180
Peach, canned, NK, each	120

Utensils

Bowl (Taejop), NK, each	15
Bowl (Pap <del>myat</del> ), rice, ceramics, NK, each	25
Bowl (Konggi), rice, small, NK, each	10 - 20
Dish, NK, each	7 - 25
Cup, NK, each	5
Cup (Sulchan), small, drinking, NK, each	3 - 5
Kettle (Chujonja), China, NK, each	50 - 150
Glass, NK, each	10 - 25
Dish, glass, NK, each	150 - 350
Bottle, soy sauce container, NK, each (2 Hop)	150
Vase, glass, NK, each	100 - 250
Bottle, (type of jar), water, NK, each (4 Hop)	80; 100

Enameled Ironwares

Basin, washing, NK, each	250 - 500
Basin (Yangjaegi), small, medium, & large, NK, each	50 - 300
Dish, each	30 - 250
Kettle, each	100 - 150
Cup, each	50 - 80

Toys

Automobile, wooden, NK, each	150 - 350
Doll, wooden, NK, each	50 - 150
Tricycle, wooden, NK, each	1,500
Horse, wooden, NK, each	1,000
Automobile, metals, NK, each	100 - 500
Dugle, metal, NK, each	50 - 100

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Doll, metal, NK, each	50 - 100
Animal, cloth, NK, each	80 - 350
Doll, foreign made, each	100 - 3,000
Doll, cloth, NK, each	100 - 20,000

Musical Instruments

Drum (Changgo), NK, each	1,500
Drum, large, NK, each	2,500
Drum, small, NK, each	1,000
Harp (Kayagum), NK, each	3,500
Organ, NK, each	15,000
Accordion, NK, each	25,000
Accordion, German, each	100,000
Violin, NK, each	1,500 - 2,500
Harmonica, NK, each	150 - 500
Flute, NK, each	300
Bugle, NK, each	900
Phonograph, NK, each	6,500
Record, NK, each	150

Clocks & Watches

Clock, Chinese, each	3,500; 5,000
Clock, Alarm, Japanese, each	3,500; 5,500
Watch, wrist, Swiss, each	20,000 - 100,000
Watch, pocket, Swiss, each	3,000 - 10,000
Watch, wrist, lower quality, Swiss & Japanese, each	2,000 - 10,000
Band, wrist watch, leather, NK, each	100 - 300
Band, wrist watch, chain, Chinese, each	900 - 1,500
Band, wrist watch vinyl, Chinese, each	300 - 500
Glass, wrist watch, each	150
Glass, pocket watch, each	200
Fee, cleaning, watch	100 - 300

Drugs

Iodine tincture, bottle	30
Quinine (Kinyonap), 20 tablets	30
Digestives, 20 tablets	20
Glucose, injection, 20 cc	15
Penicillin, 200,000 units	220
Digestive (Wisan), powder, pack	50
Diazine, tablet	15
Quarodine, tablet	15
Water, distilled, 20 cc	5
Thermometer, Soviet, each	155
Aspirin, 20 tablets	30

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Miscellaneous

Cutter, nail, NK, each	100
Lighter, NK, each	300
Umbrella, Chinese, each	1,500 - 2,500
Muffler, wool, female, NK, each	2,000 - 3,500
Neckpiece, fox, each	5,000 - 6,000
Wool, knitting, pound	5,500 - 6,000
Scroll, each	100 - 100,000
Chopsticks, gold, set	2,500
Kettle, gold, each	15,000
Cup, gold, each	5,000 - 30,000
Ring, gold, each	100 - 300
Fork, spoon, & knife, dining, set	18,000
Lace, meter	150 - 500
Frame, picture, large, medium & small, each	80 - 5,000
Mirror stand, large, each	2,200
Mirror stand, medium, each	1,500
Mirror stand, small, each	900
Bicycle, NK, each	35,000
Bicycle, Japanese, each	55,000 - 60,000
Sewing machine, NK, each	35,000
Radio, 5 tubes, Soviet, each	25,000 - 35,000
Radio, 5 tubes, Hungarian, each	25,000 - 35,000

Besides those items listed above, the P'yongyang 1st National Department Store handled various commodities chiefly coming from the bazaar of the Commercial Division of the P'yongyang-si People's Committee. The present building of the above department store, though expanded to some extent, was originally built during the Japanese occupation and formerly used as the Hwasin Department Store.

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